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1. The village of Branichevo (N 43-42, E 27-07) has 450 houses. The village is generally regarded as a poor one, the main occupation being grain farming, and there is no electricity. During 1952, an LCAF (Labor Cooperative Agrarian Farm) was forcefully established. It consisted of 28 Bulgarian families, but was poor and badly run. Several attempts were made to enlarge the membership, but these were unsuccessful because of the strong peasant opposition. The state delivery quotas are kept in a small state-owned grain store, which consists of two small old houses in the center of the village.

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2. The village council is located in the eastern part of the village in an old one-story six-room building. The president of the council is Nito Georgiev Bonev. The following people worked in the village council:

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- a. Salim Ademov;
- b. Georgi Pulev;
- c. Radi Draganov Radev;
- d. Vasil Stoyanov;
- e. Ivanka Ilieva

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3. There are two primary schools in the village

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4. The village post office acts as the agency of the State Savings Organization, and has telephone and telegraph service for money deposits.

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5. There is a 1-story hospital in the village which was built in 1954 and consists of eight or nine rooms. It employs a doctor, a dentist, and several nurses. In addition to the hospital, there is a maternity ward located in the center of the village

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6. There is no Eastern Orthodox Church in the village. However, there is a Mosque which is located on the village square and has one hodzha-Priest, Akhmed Ibishev. The attendance at the services has not been affected by the Communist propaganda.

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7. There is no Militia precinct, only a night guard in the Village Council. A plain-clothed Militia man named Angel (lmu) used to visit the village from Kolarovgrad quite often, and probably is the DS (Durzhava Sigurnost; State Security) agent for the village.

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8. The DSNM has a club in the center of Brevnitsa in a former shop. All youths are members of this club. The life of the young people is monotonous and meetings were held only when someone from the Kolarovgrad Okoliya DSNM Committee arrived in the village. DOSO (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya za Sudeystvie na Otbrana; Voluntary Organization for Defense Assistance), Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship, Fatherland Front and other Communist organizations do not have any activities in the village.

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9. The village is connected with Kolarovgrad by a bus which leaves the village every morning and returns every evening. Another bus passes through the village on the way to Silistra from Kolarovgrad in the morning and to Kolarovgrad from Silistra every afternoon. These buses satisfy the needs of the people.

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